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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY)**

As an inventor named below or on any attached continuation page, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SELF-CONTAINING LACTOCOCCUS STRAIN, the specification of which (check one):

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as PCT international application no. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and on any attached continuation page and have also identified below and on any attached continuation page any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

Prior foreign/PCT application(s):

01201631.7	EP	3 May 2001	Priority X	Claimed
(number)	(country)	(day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
01204785.8	EP	7 Dec 2001	X	
(number)	(country)	(day/month/year filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and on any attached continuation page and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any such prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available

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between the filing date of such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(application serial no.)	(filing date)	(status—pending, patented or abandoned)
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fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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